

1     **ABSTRACT**

2                 The present invention relates to light-gauge steel construction, and more  
3 particularly to a new construction assembly and method which is intended for the construction of  
4 single and multi-story buildings. The present invention provides the easiest and most economic  
5 means to construct single and multi-story buildings from light gauge steel which comply with  
6 applicable building codes and resistant to environmental forces such as earthquakes and wind  
7 sway from hurricane type winds. Furthermore, the construction assembly and method can used  
8 to form wall assemblies with and without apertures for windows and doors, floor assemblies and  
9 truss assemblies. The present invention utilizes standard building studs, expansion-contraction  
10 joints, expansion-contraction joints, and bridging, bracing and fire-blocking means to form floor,  
11 wall, and truss assemblies which comply with current building code requirements, and obviate  
12 the need for structural steel support.

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